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DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED	5 July 1950	
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1. On 14 May 1950, the Gneisenau Kaserne on Dobritzstrasse, Zerbst (II 52/D 98), was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets.
2. A 25-man band, a lieutenant colonel, 12 to 15 officers and 650 to 700 EM left the barracks, marching in formation, to attend sports events.

4. No military activity or motor vehicle traffic were observed in the Scharnhorst Kaserne on Mozartstrasse on 14 May 1950. The installation appeared deserted. *

* Comment. [] did not observe any training activity in the two Zerbst installations from 5 to 18 May 1950. [] It was assumed at that time that troops from the Zerbst post had left for field training. That previous assumption is substantiated by this report, at least with regard to the Scharnhorst Kaserne units. Since it is known from a previous report that 1,500 to 2,000 troops were stationed in the Gneisenau Kaserne during the Winter of 1949/1950, the information on troops leaving for sports events on 14 May 1950 indicates that only some of the units were located there at that time.

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